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(57) Abstract: The invention is directed to polypeptides having a glucosidese activity, including an alpha-glucosidese activity, polymelectides encoding the polypeptides, and methods for making and using these polymelectides and polypeptides. In one aspect, the polypeptides of the invention are used as alpha-glucosideses to estalyze the hydrolysis of starch into sugars, e.g., to convert liquefied starch to glucose. In one aspect, the polypeptides of the invention can estalyze the hydrolysis of both slptia-(1,4) and alpha-(1,5) glucose linkages. In one aspect, the polypeptides of the invention can estalyze the hydrolysis of both malto-oligosuccharides and liquefied starch.